Atrocities on dalits

4234. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of caste atrocities inflicted on dalits during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the States and Union Territories of the country;

(b) the number of persons assaulted and the number of culprits getting arrested, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government have made any survey of the social atrocity prone States and suggested preventive steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain financial year-wise data. Besides, information on the number of Scheduled Castes persons assaulted is not available with them.

(b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are addressed from time to time to implement the legal provisions in letter and spirit. They are also provided central assistance for awareness generation, strengthening of the administrative, enforcement and judicial machinery, etc.

Besides on 24th April, 2007, Chief Ministers of the State were urged *inter alia* to evolve a special package for development of identified atrocity prone/sensitive areas.

Welfare of disabled

4235. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given its approval to signing and ratification of the United Nations "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" in a bid to promote and protect the rights of the disabled;

(b) whether by signing and ratifying the UN convention, India will be reaffirming its commitment towards international policy framework in respect of persons with disabilities;

(c) whether according to the Census 2001, there are 2.19 crore persons (2.13 per cent of the total population) with disabilities in India; and

(d) to what extent this decision will help to improve the provision for rehabilitation of disabled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India has signed the International Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities on 30th March, 2007. The rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities is a continuous and ongoing process and the provisions of the convention are being implemented by the Central Government Ministries, State Governments/ Union Territories.

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4236. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is aware about the dalit suffering in Bibipur in Haryana;

(b) whether it is a fact that houses of dalits were torched in Salwan, Karnal in March, 2007; and

(c) whether it is also fact that a temple built by dalits was pulled down in village Bibipur but another constructed by non-dalits on public land was allowed to remain intact?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Haryana, no Ravi Das Temple existed. Only an attempt was made to construct Ravi Das Temple on a piece of Panchayat land earmarked for School which was resisted by other communities. To avoid tension, the Administration intervened and demarcated shamlat/panchayat land and removed encroachments without any discrimination. However, a complaint regarding demolition/damaging of the idol of the temple, an FIR No. 186 u/s 295A